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REPORT

TOPIC Koethen Airfield

EVALUATION

PLACE OBTAINED

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DATE OF CONTENT

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DATE PREPARED

3 April 1951

REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. Ten IL-10s were parked in front of the two hangars at the northern edge of the Koethen (M 52/D 95) airfield on 1 March 1951. About ten planes of the same type were seen in one hangar, which was open. 50X1-HUM  
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 \* There was no flying from 9:30 to 1100 hours.
  2. About 30 Soviet soldiers with blue service color practiced machine gun firing at the target range northeast of the landing field. Three squads of 20 men each, wearing red-bordered black epaulets did close order drill on<sup>a</sup>side road south of the airfield. AA guns, searchlights, radio installations or radar sets were not observed. 50X1-HUM
  3. The hangars and the eastern end of the runway were connected by a concrete taxiway. The construction work at the field appeared to be completed since the construction hut and the power shovel had been removed. Only the field railway track was still there.
- \* Comment. the 50X1-HUM  
 field is believed to be occupied by a ground attack regiment. 50X1-HUM  
 Besides this ground attack regiment, elements of an air reconnaissance regiment are believed to be stationed in Koethen.

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